

Proposed regulations relating to board and lodging on public construction projects, 8 AAC 30

Questions and Answers

What promulgated this change?

Contractors and employee organizations have asked for clearly defined requirements to follow when employing workers on these remote projects. In addition, the department has received numerous complaints from employees whose employers refused to provide board and lodging or per diem when the employee was required to remain far from home, often in remote and expensive locations, for the employer's benefit.

How much is the per diem being proposed?

The proposed regulation does not set a per diem rate. The current per diem rate is published in Pamphlet 600 and is \$75/day.

What fiscal impact will this have?

This regulation is not anticipated to have any measurable fiscal impact. Contractors are not expected to change practices or increase bid costs due to the board and lodging requirements proposed in these regulations. The board and lodging requirements are currently met or exceeded by most contractors. Contractors pay per diem in lieu of board and lodging on a fraction of remote public construction projects, and sometimes pay well above the minimum rate of \$75/day to laborers, mechanics, and field surveyors. The proposed regulation does not set a per diem rate, so there is no measurable fiscal impact.